

WACKY WAITERS

Working as a government leasite consultant full time (on the dole) is not really the job for you so you decide to go in search of some way of earning a quick buck. Wandering the streets you are unable to find a vacancy anywhere, until you spot a vacancy sign hanging in the window of a small hotel down a quiet side street. You enter this rather ramshackle place to find the vacancy is for a waiter, pure desperation for work makes you apply for the job and the mean looking boss man decides you'll do, but warns he'll be keeping a beady eye on you. You are soon fitted out in your natty waistcoat and trousers ready to serve the customers every whim. You wait in the reception for your first call, and it doesn't take long for the first guest to scream for service, so off you run to find out what they require. In the first lift you leap as it passes taking you up into the building; you have been called to the third floor so on that floor you leap out. You have to wait for the next lift to pass and leap in, you've timed it wrong and your up is dropping but you'll soon learn. The lift finally passes, in you dive. Now you have the knack you race into the next lift and so on to the next. This is the final lift so you wait for it to pass the floor from where the customer is waving, out you leap and find out what they need.

WINE they call and off you run to the floor where the wine is served, pick up the glasses of wine and serve them and pick up your very small tip. You are only paid by tips so the quicker you learn this waiter's lark the better for you. Returning to the reception there is already a call for you and once again you are off on your merry way. But remember the manager will always be around and if you trip on your way into the lift you will get a written warning and if he sees you you'll be.

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sacked on the spot. The tip is always dropping and if you haven't served them by the time it reaches zero they will throw back their drink and in a drunken stupor come and find where you have gone to. If they do find you they will not be too pleased and probably knock your drinks everywhere, their complaints to the manager bringing you another written warning. There's two written warnings, another one and you're out on your butt, so be warned!

Yep, the life of a waiter sure ain't an easy one.

THE STATUS LINES The top row shows from left to right: The current value of the tip you can earn. The amount you have already earned. The highest amount earned so far this session. The bottom status line, far right: The number of written warnings you have received (three written warnings and you are sacked, with one warning removed for every TEN POUND earned).

SCORES Your earnings are increased by the tip indicated in the status line, the tip starts at 99p for each customer call and decreases the longer you take to serve the customer.

HOW TO CONTROL THE WAITER There are a large number of keys which may be used. You should choose the combination with which you feel most comfortable.

LEFT The keys to move left are on the lower keyboard row. Beginning with SHIFT every alternative key may be used, i.e. SHIFT, X, V, N, etc. You can also use any of the keys on the second row down, i.e. Q, W, E, R, etc. (except RESTORE or CTRL).

RIGHT The remaining keys on the bottom row may be used to move right, i.e. Z, C, B, M, etc. And also any of the keys on the third row down, i.e. A, S, D, F, etc. (except RUN/STOP or SHIFT LOCK). If you have joysticks available you may plug them into the connector on the right side of the computer. Any standard switch type will work including the ATARI ones. When using the joystick pushing left or right will move the waiter in that

direction. Pressing the button on the joystick will start the game when the message "PRESS ANY KEY" flashes on the screen.

LOADING Connect the cassette recorder to your VIC-20 and switch the computer on. Place the cassette into your tape recorder with the printed side facing upwards. Rewind the tape to the beginning. There is only one way to load WACKY WAITERS. Whilst holding down either of the two shift keys press the key marked RUN/STOP. The message "PRESS PLAY ON TAPE" should appear on the screen. Press play on the cassette recorder. The computer should print the word "SEARCHING". If you do not see this message switch off the computer and try again. If loading is successful a message will appear on the screen within 30 seconds. The process is entirely automatic from there on. Strange characters will appear on the screen after about a minute. This is part of the normal loading process.

WACKY WAITERS works on the basic unexpanded VIC-20, requiring no memory expansion or peripherals except the standard Commodore cassette recorder.